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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BERLIN-LONDON-PARIS CHARTER
DISCUSSIONS

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1. EMBASSY CAA HAD EXCHANGES WITH UK AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES DECEMBER 6 AND 7. THREE AGREED THAT TALKS WOULD TAKE PLACE AT US EMBASSY WITH FIRST SESSION SCHEDULED FOR 1030 RPT 1030 DECEMBER 16. UK DELEGATION NOT DEFINITE BUT PROBABLY WILL CONSIST OF DAVID GOODALL AND FRANCIS RICHARDS FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE; PETER GARDNER, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE; BRIAN HITCH, UK EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER; AND PETER SWAIN, ECONOMIC ADVISOR, UK MISSION BERLIN. FRENCH DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE AN OFFICIAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE AS HEAD AND A RATHER JUNIOR OFFICIAL FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY; AND POSSIBLY PIERRE DE BOISSIEU, POLITICAL OFFICER, FRENCH EMBASSY; AND DOMINIQUE LASSUS, DEPUTY POLAD, FRENCH MISSION, BERLIN. THE THREE CAA'S, OF COURSE WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE.

2. CHOOSING HIS WORDS VERY CAREFULLY, UK CAA GAVE HMG
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VIEW OF TALKS AS STARTING FROM PRINCIPLES THAT ALLIED

AIR RIGHTS FROM BERLIN ARE HELD JOINTLY IN TRUST FOR GERMANY BUT AT OTHER END ARE HELD NATIONALLY, AND THAT SCHEDULED SERVICES MUST BE PROTECTED. ON THIS BASIS, HMG EXPECTS THE DISCUSSIONS WILL EVOLVE A SET OF PRINCIPLES WHICH WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR DEALING WITH APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTER FLIGHTS FROM AND TO BERLIN. UK CAA DESCRIBED THE UK PAPER OF LAST SPRING AS AN UNOFFICIAL DRAFT NOT COORDINATED WITHIN HMG AND MEANT ONLY TO BE CIRCULATED FOR COMMENT, BUT SAID HMG, NEVERTHELESS, WOULD BE PLEASED IF IT COULD BE THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. COMMENT: UK CAA'S MYSTIC STYLE MAKES IT HARD TO JUDGE WHETHER PARTIAL ACCEPTANCE OF PRINCIPLE WE HAVE ADVOCATED, THAT IS, A JOINT ALLIED RIGHT FOR BERLIN SERVICES, IS A CONCESSION OR A REBUTTAL. HOWEVER, WE STILL HAVE THE FEELING THAT HMG IS PREPARED TO MAKE SOME RETREAT FROM THE PRESENT POLICY OF COMPLETE EXCLUSION OF PAN AM FROM THE LONDON CHARTER MARKET, BUT PROBABLY NO MORE OF A RETREAT THAN THEY CONSIDER NECESSARY.
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